# Purpose

To improve your ability to recognize suspects who may be under the influence of drugs other than alcohol or medically impaired and to take appropriate action when you encounter such a suspect.

# Goal

To identify and apprehend individuals who are impaired by drugs.

# Objectives

- To recognize impairment associated with drug use.
- To define “drug” as it relates to highway safety.
- To identify the seven categories of drugs and recognize the major observable indicators.
- To successfully document the impaired driving arrest.

# What is a “drug”?



# Definition

Any substance which, when taken into the human body, can impair the ability of the person to operate a vehicle safely.

# Seven Drug Categories

- Central Nervous System (CNS) Depressants
- Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants
- Hallucinogens
- Dissociative Anesthetics
- Narcotic Analgesics
- Inhalants
- Cannabis

# Drug Impaired Driving Facts

- Fact: About 11 million illicit drug users admitted driving after using an illicit drug in 2002
- Fact: In 2002, between 10 and 18% of young drivers age 17 to 21 years reported driving under the influence of an illicit drug during the past year

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

# Incidence and Characteristics of Drug Use in America

- In 2004, 19.1 million Americans aged 12 years or older were current illicit drug users
- Marijuana was the most commonly used illicit drug in 2004, with 14.6 million users
- In 2004, 6.0 million people were users of psychotherapeutic drugs taken non-medically

Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)